

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0020] with the following amended paragraph:

[0020] With this construction, in the environment where the control software is described in an object-oriented language such as Java JAVA, if the slave device is reconnected to the system before the classes of the control software being the target for the uninstall process is deleted, the slave device becomes available again without reloading the classes. Therefore, waiting time till the slave device becomes available again can be reduced by the time required for completing the reloading process as compared with the case where the classes are deleted immediately after starting of the uninstall process.

Please replace paragraph [0044] with the following amended paragraph:

[0044] The control unit controls installation/uninstallation of the control software into/from the TV receiver 10. Note here that control software is described using a programming language syntax used in Java writing JAVA programs (Java-JAVA is a trademark of Sun Microsystems, Inc. in the U.S.).

Please replace paragraph [0045] with the following amended paragraph:

[0045] Generally, installation is a process for acquiring software, generating registration information required for executing the software, converting the software into the executable object, and storing the software in the storage means. In this embodiment, however, the install process does not include the process for "generating registration information", because the control software is described using a programming language syntax used in Java writing JAVA programs, and interpreters that are able to generate registration information required for executing software specified using such syntax are well known. Additionally, the process for converting the software into the executable object is replaced by the load process of classes included in the software.

Please replace paragraph [0106] with the following amended paragraph:

[0106] The above-described embodiment deals with an example where home electrical devices are connected on the IEEE 1394 network. However, connecting means and

devices are not limited to such an example. That is, the invention is applicable to any usage forms insofar as the following two preconditions are satisfied: (1) in the environment where a plurality of devices are connected, a master device controls other devices' operations using control software, and (2) on detecting connection/disconnection of a device, the master device installs/uninstalls the control software for the device. For instance, devices may be connected via USB and other serial buses, or by radio conforming to the wireless IEEE 1394 standard. Also, the invention is applicable to the system including a PC as the master device and peripheral devices which are connected with each other. In addition, the control software is not necessarily described ~~in Java~~ using the JAVA programming language syntax.